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THE WHITE HOUSE

HIGH PRIORITY

October 7, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCHULZ

In your capacity as liaison with former Presidents, would you please assume the responsibility connected with the declassifying of classified documents that are currently in the Johnson Library.

In addition to this classified material, former President Johnson has given to the United States some 30 million papers accumulated during his presidency. This material, while not classified, is of a highly sensitive nature and should be reviewed before being made available to the public through the Johnson Library.

Attached are memoranda that have already gone to Department of Defense and State Department, plus recent correspondence between my office and Tom Johnson, former President Johnson's assistant.

This whole subject was covered in extensive conversation in August between Presidents Johnson and Nixon. The President is most anxious to see that this project is followed up with all possible speed and requested that I forward a report of your progress to him by October 17.

It is especially important that properly qualified people be assigned to this project—and that it be done quickly since there has already been a long delay.

H.R. HALDEMAN

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